

WASHINGTON, DC —Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), ranking member of the House Armed Services Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee today, sent a letter cosigned by 47 colleagues to President Obama urging a full and thorough investigation of the ACLU's John Adams project which may have intentionally revealed the identity of covert CIA operatives to members of Al Qaeda currently held at Guantanamo Bay.



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 11, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20050

Mr. President:

It has come to our attention that the Justice Department is investigating a group of lawyers associated with the American Civil Liberties Union and self-identifying as the "John Adams Project". We understand these lawyers may have intentionally revealed the identity of covert CIA operatives - in clear violation of federal law - to members of Al Qaeda currently held at Guantanamo Bay. If true, these individuals were assisting our sworn enemies—terrorists who have attacked our nation and our allies repeatedly.

Given the seriousness of these allegations, we expect the Justice Department will conduct a full and thorough investigation into all those who might have participated in or supported efforts to place our covert operatives and their families in danger. In particular, we urgently request that you provide a full accounting to Congress of any individuals formerly or currently working for the federal government who are connected to the John Adams Project. This should include anyone currently working for Attorney General Holder who participated in the project prior to joining the Justice Department.

While it is the right of every American to disagree with, and work to reverse, the policies of this or any other Administration they oppose, this country cannot allow disagreement to turn to subversion without serious repercussions. If these allegations prove true, those who have participated in or supported the activities of the John Adams Project should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Sincerely,

*N. Cal Akin*      *Steve Pearce*

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